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## PLO aide rules out govt.-in-exile plan

By Farouk Luqman  
JEDDAH, Nov. 21 — A senior Palestinian official Tuesday ruled out the formation of a Palestinian government in exile.

In an interview with "Arab News," Palestine Liberation Organization Central Committee member, Abdul Mohsen Abu Maizer, said the principle of a government in exile does not apply in the case of the Palestinians.

"It usually applies to governments which existed before an occupation, like those which were formed following the Nazi occupation of Europe, to carry on the struggle for liberation".

Abu Maizer, official spokesman for the PLO, who is in Saudi Arabia to attend meetings of the Jerusalem Committee at the Islamic Secretariat, said the PLO is already exercising the responsibilities of a provisional government.

"We are a full member of the Arab League, a full member of the Islamic Conference, and we enjoy an observer status at the United Nations and its agencies," he said. "When we liberate our land, we shall then form a government. We have no need at present neither for a government in exile nor a provisional one," he added.

Earlier this month, informed Palestinian sources in Washington told "Arab News" that a government in exile would be announced during the U.N. Palestine debate.

The sources said all factions of the PLO were in support of such a government, and that PLO chairman Yasser Arafat had secured Soviet approval of the proposal.

Commenting on the Jordanian-Palestinian rapprochement, Abu Maizer said that "following the Camp David accords and the withdrawal of Egypt from the Arab fold, concentrate on the positive aspects and work together to thwart the effects of the Camp David conspiracy."



Abdul Mohsen Abu Maizer

"A new and serious situation has developed in the Arab world following the Camp David accords which aim essentially at imposing Israeli and imperialist hegemony on the Arab world," he said. "These accords," he said "emphatically constitute a serious threat to the Palestinian cause and a challenge not only to Palestinian legitimacy but also to those of the Arabs, Muslims and the world at large."

"During side meetings at the Baghdad summit, PLO chairman Yasser Arafat met with King Hussein of Jordan and some of his ministers and it was agreed at this meeting that the two sides should work together to foil the Camp David designs and the conspiracy of self-rule which merely aim at consecrating Zionist occupation, lend it legitimacy and liquidate the Palestinian cause," he said.

The two sides agreed to meet again and the first round of talks will take place next week with the Palestinian delegation being led by Khaled Fahoun, speaker of the Palestine National Council.

Asked if he could be more specific about the aims of Jordanian-Palestinian accord, Abu Maizer said "they will have a positive effect since Jordan is

of the Organization

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## Mission fund meets at OIC headquarters

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 (SPA) — Meetings of the Permanent Council of the Islamic Solidarity Fund opened Tuesday morning at the General Secretariat of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

The opening session was presided over by council chairman Dr. Ezzeddin Ibrahim, cultural adviser to the

### Plane shortage said to hold up direct N.Y. route

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 — Saudi is studying the feasibility of direct flights between Jeddah and New York once new Lockheed Tri-Stars and Boeing 747s are added to the airline's fleet. "Al-Bilad" reported Tuesday.

Only the shortage of aircraft has held back the introduction of the new route, Saudi told the newspaper.

Most of the airline's fleet is operating on domestic routes and the direct weekly service between Dhahran and New York planned for early in the new year, will use leased aircraft.

### Jeddah college board convenes

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 (SPA) — The board of King Abdul Aziz University here convened Tuesday to discuss the closing accounts for academic year 1977/78, adopt a statute for the university's bursaries and consider other administrative matters.

Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Abdu Wasi, minister of pilgrimage and endowments and acting minister of higher education, chaired the board which included Minister of Information Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, Minister of Agriculture and Water Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr, the rector of the University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran and Dr. Muhammad Omar Al-Zubair, rector of KAAU.

President of the United Arab Emirates, who was confirmed as chairman for another term.

The meetings are being attended by Dr. Amadou-Karim Gaye, the OIC secretary general, and his assistant for cultural affairs Zafarul Islam. The Council is made up of 13 OIC members states, in addition to the OIC secretary general.

The fund extends material aid to Islamic countries, institutions, associations and minority groups throughout the world to help spread and strengthen Islam.

The fund also helps Muslim victims of catastrophes.

The new council includes Saudi Arabia, Libya, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Palestine (represented by the PLO), Mali, Cameron, Chad and Iraq.

### Cairo arrests Hajj thieves

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 — Egyptian security officials arrested a group of men returning to Cairo from here on charges of theft during the pilgrimage.

"Al-Medina" said Tuesday that the Criminal Investigation Department of the Egyptian Port Authority had received information that four men, identified as pickpockets, had travelled to Saudi Arabia on forged passports and stolen from pilgrims.

The authorities confiscated stolen goods found with the gang.

SPA adds: The Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments issued a statement Tuesday urging all leaders of pilgrim groups, branches of the bus guild, departments concerned with pilgrims and transport companies to hand over lost passports to the Pilgrimage Department.



SOLIDARITY: Islamic Solidarity Fund Chairman Dr. Ezzeddin Ibrahim opening the permanent council meeting in Jeddah Tuesday.

### In Jeddah

## Minister opens temporary post office

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 (SPA) — A 6,000 square meter central post office was opened in Jeddah Tuesday by Minister of Posts Telephone and Telegraph Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal. It will serve the public until a large center is completed in three to four years on 10,000 square meters at the site of the old Jeddah post office.

Sorting machines at the center can handle up to one million pieces of mail a day, or 700 per minute. The Ministry, Kayyal said, hopes to deliver letters within 24 hours of posting. The center has 11,000 post office boxes, compared with

### Fahd receives pilgrim heads

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd Tuesday gave audiences here to pilgrim missions from Chad, Guinea and Ethiopia, while Prince Fawaz, governor of Mecca, received the Sudanese mission accompanied by the Sudanese Ambassador.

7000 at the old post office.

Meanwhile downtown Jeddah is to have a new parking lot for 10,000 cars on reclaimed land the seaward side of the Corniche. "Al-Bilad" reported Tuesday.

Work will start next month on the project, which is expected to ease the congestion caused by inadequate parking space on King Abdul Aziz Street and the Corniche, the paper said.

Pedestrian overpasses will be constructed to link the

parking area to King Abdul Aziz Street.

"Al-Bilad" also reported that Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs Prince Majed has received the consultants final reports for the re-planning of much of Jeddah's sewage network and the laying of new lines.

The reports were submitted to the minister Monday by Yahya Kosbak, director general of the Department of Water and Sewage of the Western Province.

### Local briefs

• RIYADH, (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif Wednesday will open a housing complex for the internal security forces here. The complex, east of Umm Al-Hammam, comprises 31 buildings of 10 flats each, six villas, parking lots, a central market, a club, a mosque, and two primary schools, one for boys and the other for girls.

• RIYADH, (SPA) — Inter-

ior Minister Prince Naif returned here Tuesday from Jeddah. He was met at the airport by Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman, Deputy Governor Prince Sattam, Chief of Staff Gen. Othman Al-Humaid and other senior officials.

• JEDDAH, (SPA) — Minister of Public Works and Housing Prince Miteb Tuesday received Jordan's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Tharwat Al-Talhouni.

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## At Mahd Al-Dhahab

### Oil minister tours gold mine today

By a Staff Reporter

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 — Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani will travel to Mahd Al-Dhahab, 300 kilometers north of here, to attend the blasting of a new gallery at the ancient gold mine there.

He will be accompanied by Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, Dr. Ghazi Sultan, director general for mineral resources at the oil ministry and other senior state officials.

The Consolidated Goldfields Company of Britain is handling prospecting for gold at the mine and announced earlier this year that gold and silver in appreciable quantities had been discovered. The mine was worked in antiquity and then for a short period in the late 1940s and early 1950s, before falling world prices of gold rendered the mine unprofitable.

Earlier, the company in collaboration with the Directorate General for Mineral Resources had carried out studies over a

### Taiwan sends road experts

JEDDAH, Nov. 21 — Seven roads and communications experts arrived here from Taipei last Friday to work with the Ministry of Communications, under an agreement signed last year between Deputy Minister Dr. Nasser Salloum and his Chinese counterpart Chen Chu-hsi.

Eight Chinese experts are already working with the ministry in Saudi Arabia, according to the Republic of China Embassy here.

The Saudi-Chinese permanent committee, which met here November 17, has also approved programs for cultural exchange and cooperation in technical and vocational training and is to assist in presenting Chinese-Arab cultural weeks in the two countries.

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## Iraqi communists charge government with atrocities

BAGHDAD, Nov. 21 (AP)—Iraq's Communist Party, a partner in the ruling coalition, Tuesday renewed charges against the government of "atrocities against the party."

"Atrocities against the party, its affiliates and activity have been continuing for more than a year," declared an editorial in the Communist party's official newspaper "Tareeq el Shaa'b". It did not specify the nature of the alleged atrocities.

## Ankara asks Athens to free 6 fishermen

ANKARA, Nov. 21 (AP)—Turkey officially asked Greece Tuesday to release six Turkish fishermen sentenced to 15 months in prison each by a Greek court, the foreign ministry announced.

An announcement said Turkey's envoy in Athens, Necdet Tuzel, delivered the request to the Greek Foreign Ministry.

According to the Ankara version of the incident, a Turkish fishing vessel was forced by Greek gunboats, last week, into a harbor on the Aegean island of Lesvos where the six-man crew was summarily tried and sentenced by a local court on charges of violating Greek territorial waters.

The incident was the last in a series between Greece and Turkey in recent weeks involving charges of frontier violations.

Despite previous complaints to the leadership of the ruling Baath Socialist Party "nothing has been done to end these accusations," the paper added.

The Communist party has two ministries in the 28-member cabinet.

Relations between the Baath and the Communists, and by extension with the Soviet Union, have been deteriorating since the execution of 21 Iraqi

tions, on land and sea.

Earlier a Turkish gunboat was accused of ramming and sinking a Greek vessel in the Aegean and thus causing the death of one fisherman.

Last week Turks took into custody three Greek farmers, saying they were caught cutting trees on an islet on the Evros River, which divides the two countries.

Both sides have claimed the incidents took place in their own territory.

Athens has officially protested the sinking of the fishing vessel.

Greek and Turkish relations have been tense for the past four years over Turkey's invasion of northern Cyprus and unresolved disputes in the Aegean Sea over seabed mineral and airspace control rights.

Communists early in the year, for allegedly forming illegal cells inside the army.

The Soviet Union is Iraq's main supplier of weapons, and at one time Iraq was regarded as the Soviet Union's closest ally in the Arab world.

But relations between them have cooled recently as a result of Soviet support for Ethiopia in its fight against the Iraqi-backed secessionist rebels in the Ethiopian province of Eritrea.

"Forces that are the enemies of our people see in the deterioration of the relations between the parties a suitable climate to achieve their dark plans," the Communist newspaper editorial added.

### Ali Nasser, Habash hold talks on M.E.

ADEN, Nov. 21 (R)—South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad held talks here Tuesday with Dr. George Habash, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

Officials said they had discussed latest Middle East developments, and relations between South Yemen and the Palestinian resistance in their joint struggle against imperialism and Zionism.

Dr. Habash, said on arrival here from Moscow Monday that his talks would deal with the situation following the Camp David summit between Egypt, Israel and the United States and ways "to confront the dangerous consequences of its plans."

He added that South Yemen, as a member of the Arab "steadfastness" front could contribute to foil "the Camp David conspiracy."

Habash was Monday reported to have left the Soviet Union after a previously unannounced visit lasting a week.

## In ferry hijack case Attorneys question 500 Turkish leftists

ISTANBUL, Nov. 21 (AP)—Nine state attorneys have begun the grueling task of questioning about 500 suspected members of a Maoist group to determine the identities of 10 gunmen who hijacked a trans-continental ferry with 750 passengers aboard.

In Ankara, the Turkish capital, Interior Minister Ifran Ozaydinli vowed that the government "will not tolerate illegal acts of political hooliganism."

"The state security forces are determined to effectively crush similar acts," the former air force general said in a statement.

The two-hour hijacking of the state-owned "Uskudar," serving points on both Asian and European sides of the Bosphorus straits, began when the Maoist youths boarded the ship at Karakoy, Istanbul's busiest sector on the European side.

Police sources said a 10-man group entered the captain's cabin and ordered him at gunpoint to sail the ship into the Marmara Sea.

The sources said the youths apparently had decided to take over the ferry after they were denied permission to attend funeral rites for an assassinated comrade held at a morgue.

Police sources said a 10-man group entered the captain's cabin and ordered him at gunpoint to sail the ship into the Marmara Sea.

They refused to meet their demand, the youths gave up the siege of the vessel and returned to the pier, escorted by the two gunboats.

### Syria, Iraq underline need for use of media

DAMASCUS, Nov. 21 (R)—The Syrian and Iraqi information ministers have underlined the need for utilizing their countries' mass media in facing the imperialist and Zionist misleading propaganda.

They were speaking at the opening of meetings held by the joint information committee, set up following the sealing of the Iraqi-Syrian "National charter for joint action" last month.

Iraqi Information Minister Saad Hammoudi told reporters on arrival here Sunday night that the discussions were designed to draw up a working paper for close cooperation in the various fields of information and culture.

Hammoudi and his Syrian counterpart, Ahmed Iskandar Ahmed, earlier Monday met with Syria's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdulfattah Khaddam.

The working paper will be referred to the higher Syrian-Iraqi political committee, due to meet here early next month.

## Israel deports black musician

TEL AVIV, Nov. 21 (R)—

## Israel seeks U.S. aid

Israeli finance minister, Simcha Ehrlich, said that Israel had asked the United States for \$3.3 billion in aid.

Two thirds was wanted as a grant, and the remainder as a 30-year loan at two per cent interest.

Ehrlich, who has just returned from talks with U.S. officials on Israel's aid requirements told the Knesset (parliament) finance committee Monday he was certain the U.S. would provide the aid.



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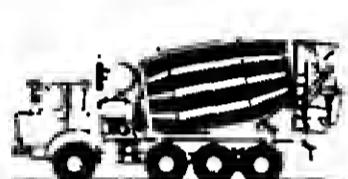
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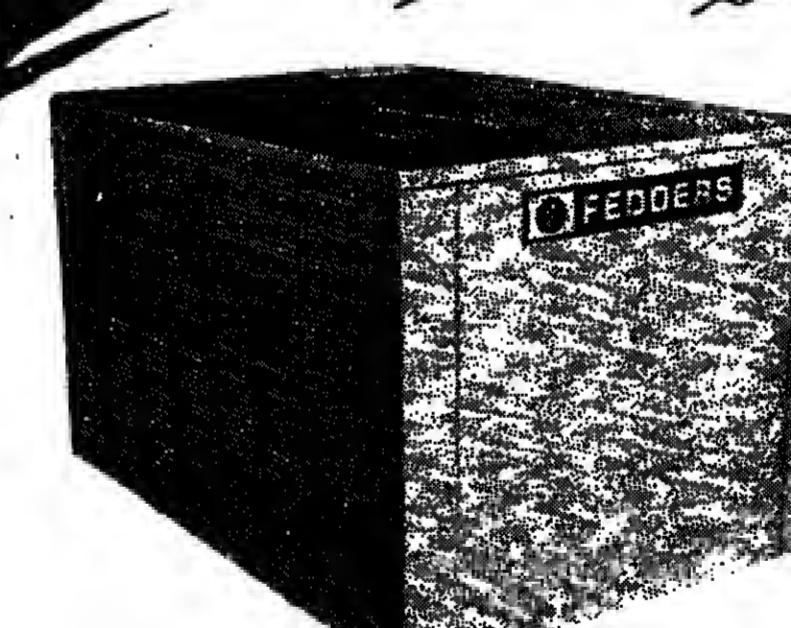


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## Microwaves ruled harmless to U.S. envoys in Russia

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (R) — A scientific study has found no evidence linking the Soviet Union's microwave bombardment of the U.S. embassy in Moscow with any health problems among Americans there, the State Department said Monday.

But spokesman Hodding Carter said the United States still wanted the practice stopped.

The bombardment has gone on for several years despite earlier U.S. protests and some puzzlement about the reasons for it.

The study was ordered by the State Department and conducted by the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health in Baltimore.

The study evaluated the health of all foreign service

employees who served in Moscow between 1953 and 1976.

Carter said recent microwave radiation levels amounted to less than two microwatts per square centimeter outside the embassy in Moscow, and fractions of that inside the building.

In 1976, embassy officials became uneasy when the level reached almost nine microwatts on the embassy roof.

The State Department said the U.S. safety standard was 10,000 microwatts per square centimeter for unlimited periods.

The study, directed by Dr. Abraham Lilienfeld, a professor of epidemiology, found no relation between the radiation and cancer, but Dr. Lilienfeld said it was too early to detect long-term mortality.

He said no satisfactory explanation was found for the relatively high proportion of cancer deaths in women at the embassy — a total of 11.

**Paul Newman's actor son dies in Los Angeles**

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 21 An accidental over dose, caused by combining beverage and tranquilizers, killed the 28-year-old son of actor Paul Newman.

There was no evidence of foul play in Allan Scott Newman's death.

Newman, an actor, stuntman and nightclub singer, was pronounced dead about 1 a.m. Monday at Los Angeles New Hospital. He was taken there by paramedics after being found in a Ramada Inn where he was staying since last Tuesday.

Authorities said Newman, known professionally as William Scott, had been under the care of a clinical psychologist. Scott Steinberg, an associate of the psychologist, took Newman to the motel Sunday from a residence in West Hollywood.

Steinberg called the paramedics after Newman was having difficulty breathing shortly after midnight.

In addition to nightclub singing, Newman also appeared in films. He played an athletic, sadistic fraternity member in the Paramount movie "Fraternity Row" about one year ago.

His father, who is married to actress Joanne Woodward, was notified while on location in Ohio but was unavailable for comment.

### Cockpit tape released from worst U.S. crash

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21 (AP) — A cockpit tape recording indicates the crew of a Pacific Southwest Airlines jet lost sight of a small Cessna and then spotted it again just before the two planes collided over San Diego in the worst air disaster in U.S. history.

Captain

The recording, made public Monday, also indicates the crew members were unconcerned about the Cessna and were casually discussing life insurance policies, death and a female traffic controller in Oakland just before the collision.

The transcript was released by the National Transportation Safety Board which is investigating the Sept. 25 accident in which 144 persons died, including seven on the ground.

Both planes had been alerted that they were in the same area by traffic controllers.

Transcript

Part of the tape released Monday is as follows:

Capt. James E. McFeron (9:00:42 PST): "Is that the one we're looking at?"

First Officer Robert E. Fox (9:00:43): "Yeah, but I don't see him now."

McFeron (9:00:52): "It was right over there a minute ago."

Fox (9:01:11): "Are we clear of that Cessna?"

Second Officer Martin J. Wahne (9:01:13): "Suppose to be."

McFeron (9:01:14): "I guess."

McFeron (9:01:31): "Oh yeah, before we turned downwind, I saw him about one o'clock, probably behind us now."

The transcript notes sounds similar to a landing gear extension and at 9:01:38 records Fox as saying, "there's one underneath," indicating he may have spotted the Cessna. That was followed by an unintelligible remark.

At 9:01:45, McFeron exclaims, "Whoops!" and Fox shouts, "aghish."

A tenth of a second later there is the sound of impact, and McFeron says, "Easy baby, easy baby" as he is trying to control the aircraft.

This exchange follows in swift succession:

McFeron: "What have we got here?"

Fox: "It's bad...we're hit man, we are hit."

An unidentified voice says, "whoa" and the captain warns: "Brace yourself."

The final words, from an unidentified person, are, "Ma, I love you."

At 9:02:04, apparently at the moment of ground impact, the recording stops.

## Muskrat trappers prosper within sight of New York

LYNDHURST, New Jersey, Nov. 21 (AP) — Less than 15 kilometers from New York City, about 200 fur trappers earn their living wading through the mud, catching and skinning muskrats in the Hackensack meadowlands.

More than 24,000 muskrats are trapped each year in the Meadowlands, a marshy area that is also the home of

Giants Stadium. The kill in New Jersey totals more than 400,000.

Developers and superhighways have chipped away at the territory, but fur trapper William Royka, 51, of Little Ferry, said urbanization has pushed the muskrats closer together, making them easier to catch.

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RICKSHAW: Peter Sellers assumes a disguise for his role in the *Revenge of the Pink Panther* as Chief Inspector Clouseau. The film is the fifth in the series.

## U.S. 'space bus' releases last 3 satellites on Venus mission

PALO ALTO, California, Nov. 21 (R) — A U.S. "space bus" released its last three passenger satellites 5.8 million miles from Venus Monday as part of a study of the planet's atmosphere, space officials said.

The three satellites, each weighing 200 pounds and named North, Day and Night, were released 11 hours late because scientists at NASA Research Center here had problems measuring the velocity of the space craft.

The "space bus," Pioneer 11 and its sister craft, Pioneer 1, are heading for the planet to try to determine why Venus evolved into a mass of searing heat in an atmosphere of carbon dioxide while Earth has a climate friendly to life.

Venus is the planet that most resembles Earth in size and distance from the sun.

Pioneer 11 was launched from Cape Canaveral on Aug. 8 and released its biggest passenger satellite, the 700-pound

Sounder, five days ago. The "bus" and its four satellites — Sounder is descending on Venus by parachute — are all due to enter the atmosphere of Venus on Dec. 9.

The "bus" will burn up in the atmosphere and its four satellites are designed to land on Venus but not to survive impact.

Pioneer 1, a single space

is due to reach the planet's atmosphere four days before Pioneer 11 and it will remain in orbit around Venus for months.

**Sale of Hitler artifacts forbidden by Paris law**

PARIS, Nov. 21 (AP) — Paris police Chief Pierre Somville announced Tuesday he was forbidding a planned auction of objects belonging to Adolf Hitler.

A family tree, a metal plaque with an engraving of Hitler, two books on Richard Wagner among others were to have been sold at the Central Paris Auction House Dec. 5.

Somville invoked a city ordinance passed March

1976, prohibiting the exhibition and sale of Nazi uniforms and other objects.

He said the persons in

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Despite Soviet displeasure

## U.K. asks allies on China arms request

LONDON, Nov. 21 (AP) — Britain has acknowledged officially it has received a firm Chinese request for defensive arms. It has begun consulting Western allies.

Chinese authorities, who declined to be identified, also claimed Monday that they have had advance assurances that Britain would meet their major requirements.

Among them, officials of both countries reported, is a provisional \$350 million order for 80 to 90 Harrier jump-jets, wanted for operations along the 7,200-kilometer frontier with the Soviet Union. The deal would in-

Sri Lanka premier reports

### Three missing from pilgrim crash

COLOMBO, Nov. 21 (AP) — Sri Lanka Prime Minister Ranasinghe Premadasa says that officials have not accounted for at least three of 262 persons on board the Loftleider Icelandic Airways flight which crashed here Wednesday.

He said 80 passengers had survived, but some were still in a critical condition.

"As far as I know the plane carried 249 passengers and 13 flight crew. So far about 259 persons have been accounted for including 80 survivors, some of whom are in a critical condition in hospital. A search for the remaining persons is con-

tinuing," he told parliament.

"Communications between the air traffic controller and the aircraft as well as its operations are reported to have been normal."

The air traffic controller on duty states that except for the approach lighting system and the distance measuring equipment which are not essential for bringing in an aircraft to land, all other equipment was normal."

He listed weather conditions as "light rain" with visibility at four miles. About an hour before the accident, between 10 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., a Condor

jumbo had taken off and an RAF plane had landed when the weather was worse.

"The air traffic controller in charge of radar says that he first contacted the aircraft at about 11:13 p.m., when it was approximately 92 miles west of the airport and at an altitude of 33,000 feet. From that time onwards he was in constant contact with the aircraft. When the aircraft came on its final lap and approached the runway about two miles away, the air traffic controller had given instructions to the captain of the aircraft to be at an altitude of 650 feet.

"The air traffic controller in the control tower says that he had noticed visually that the aircraft was too low and was emerging from a cloud and had instructed the captain to elevate the aircraft. Immediately thereafter he saw the aircraft crashing and bursting into flames."

Capt. Harald Snaebom, a Loftleider flight pilot who was a passenger on the aircraft, said in an interview that after the DC-8 made its landing approach, he felt it taking the usual tail down position just before coming on the ground and thought they were about to touch down. Then he felt a rough landing had been made, with the jet bounding.

still at large and five were captured by police in Transkei.

The PAC is one of two major militant South African black organizations operating outside South Africa. The other is the larger African National Congress.

Kruger said there were indications that 78 PAC recruits were being trained in China. There were several ANC and PAC training camps in Angola, Mozambique, Tanzania and Zambia.

He gave no dates, but said four fled to Botswana, one was

chased rights to produce hundreds more under license.

The Foreign Office told a questioner: "During the visit of Chinese Vice-Premier Wang Chen the Chinese confirmed and clarified their interest in purchasing defensive equipment. The United Kingdom has begun the process of consulting the allies on the basis of what has been learned from the Chinese."

Privately and publicly, meanwhile, the Soviet Union has warned Britain and other Western powers against armoring China.

As long ago as June, Prime Minister Callaghan said in an interview that Britain's rela-

tions with Peking are separate from those with Moscow. The Soviets, he suggested, would get short shrift if they sought to disrupt London's dealings with third countries.

Britain is consulting through the Paris-based Coordinating Committee on Export Controls (COCOM), made up of 14 of the 15 NATO members plus Japan. Iceland is not in COCOM.

The committee is pondering proposals from its major members to ease its restrictions on trade with Communist countries. About 200 items are listed but with the Chinese market opening and

Soviet technology developing many are out of date.

There are also discussions in key Allied and Commonwealth capitals, including Washington, Paris, Bonn and New Delhi. The Americans and Chinese have still not normalized relations. India and China still have a frontier dispute to settle.

The U.S. has said it will not sell arms to China, possibly because to do so would jeopardize SALT prospects.

This has been called to the attention of the European allies, including France and West Germany, also hoping to snatch a share of the Chinese market.

The United States also has defense obligations to Taiwan and South Korea. Undoubtedly the British would seek a Chinese commitment not to deploy Harriers or any other important weapons against their own or America's friends.

Chinese sources stressed unofficially that Callaghan gave Wang the impression Britain would not permit any third country's veto to interfere with British policy to develop economic cooperation with Peking.

This point was not confirmed by British authorities.

One informant, well-briefed on Wang's exchanges during his recent 12-day visit said: "You would not think that the Chinese People's Republic would expose itself to a rebuff or a refusal if it were not sure that its request for certain goods would be met."

Nixon approved to enter Britain

LONDON, Nov. 21 (AP) — The Labor government has abruptly rejected a demand from a Labor member of parliament that former President Nixon be banned.

Home Secretary Merlyn Rees gave a one-word written reply — "no" — to a request from John Lee, a barrister, who requested that Nixon be banned on the grounds that he is "an undesirable alien."

Nixon is due here Nov. 29 after visiting Paris.



ZZYX: A highway sign in the western United States.

### Official role not mentioned

## UNESCO compromise issued

PARIS, Nov. 21 (AP) — UNESCO Director-General Amadou Mabtar M'Bow formally issued a compromise draft declaration here Tuesday that satisfies many objections that it would allow government control of the mass media.

Despite some remaining reservations from at least two Western European and some developing countries, UNESCO officials said M'Bow was confident his compromise would gain a consensus.

"It is settled now," said Mrs. Jadwiga Pastecka, a Polish delegate who has been involved in the negotiations.

The final draft, scheduled for a quick vote Wednesday, contains no references to government involvement and seeks to protect foreign correspondents' right of access to news sources. It also affirms the need for a totally free flow of information worldwide, and urges that imbalances in the flow of international news between the industrialized and developing worlds be redressed through

practical measures and not government control.

M'Bow's draft represents a significant diplomatic turnaround in favor of the West which four weeks ago came to this

### Malle colleague wins Goncourt

PARIS, Nov. 21 (AP) — Patrick Modiano, who wrote the film "Lacombe Lucien" with Louis Malle, has been awarded the Goncourt Prize for his novel "Rue des Boutiques Obscures."

It is the seventh novel Modiano, 33, has published in the past 10 years. His "Les Boulevards de Céline" won the Académie Française's Grand Prix for novels in 1972.

The latest book is centered on a private detective suffering from amnesia who tries to trace his past life, particularly during the occupation, a period Modiano has often explored.

UNESCO general conference faced with a Soviet-initiated

draft that appeared to sanction government control of the press, and appeared to have wide support in the Third World.

M'Bow's draft is based on a text hammered out last week between his representatives and delegates from West Germany, Italy, Tunisia, the United States and sometimes Mrs. Pastecka.

A group of non-aligned nations was due to caucus on the M'Bow text Tuesday afternoon and there were still differences over the group's call for a "new world information order."

St. Lucia's C.E.L. Wickremasinghe a key protagonist in the internal rivalries within the non-aligned group, said he would press for an amendment seeking stronger measures to promote the new information order.

Tunisia's Mustapha Masmoudi, on the other hand, said he would urge the non-aligned group to approve the draft and to press for the new order through other initiatives.

## Police watchful at Bilbao funeral

BILBAO, Nov. 21 (R) — Police sealed off the Bilbao Suburb of Basauri Tuesday for the funeral of two colleagues machine-gunned to death by Basque separatists while playing football.

Police set up road blocks around Basauri and nobody was allowed in or out of the suburb during the service.

Journalists were not permitted to attend the funeral inside the barracks.

Last month, several hundred policemen staged a brief rebellion inside Basauri barracks before and after the funeral of two other officers killed by the Basque terrorist organization ETA.

There was no immediate sign of trouble in the ranks Tuesday, although policemen guarding the barracks looked extremely nervous and constantly fingered their sub-machine guns.

Eleven policemen were injured in Monday's shooting during a barracks soccer game.

Police patrols were so agitated after the attack that they fired warning shots into the air, according to eyewitnesses.

Meanwhile, informed sources said three suspected members of ETA, including a young woman, were detained in the Basque town of Mondragon early Tuesday.

## 7 U.K. miners die underground

DONCASTER, England Nov. 21 (AP) — Seven miners were killed and 19 others injured when a train carrying men from the night shift back to the surface of their coal pit crashed nearly a kilometer underground early Tuesday.

The National Coal Board said the last two coaches of a four-coach "paddy train"—the underground train on which the men ride—was derailed.

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## INFANTILE TENDENCIES

Despite the respite from street fighting in Iran over the past few days none of the problems that provoked the riots has been solved and the break between the Shah and his government, and the loose opposition remains near-complete. The Shah and the General Azhari government are striving to win concessions from the opposition but opposition leaders remain determined to settle for nothing less than toppling the regime.

The military government finds itself in a race against time. If it were to stand any chance of success it must use the prevailing relative calm to take the steps necessary to uproot the reasons for the public grievances or find itself engulfed in another round of street fighting which will drain its powers and paralyze its ability to achieve reform. Gen. Azhari is already preparing laws to tackle the corruption epidemic and to force people in self-exile to return home under the threat of losing their property. He has also pledged himself to give way for a civilian and democratic government once his work of restoring law and order is completed.

The opposition may be justified in looking askance at the military government and any measures designed by the Shah since he is at the core of its grievances. But the opposition is taking such an extremist attitude as to cause anxiety over the future of the country and the well-being of the Iranian people. Imam Khomeini is determined to bring down the Shah while Imam Sharifianadari threatens that "not two stones will be left on top of one another" unless the Shah accepts the formation of a nationalist (opposition) government.

Such extremism augurs poorly for the future. It smacks of the Lebanese hysteria which has nearly destroyed that country. The Iranians themselves have been drawing parallels with the Lebanese situation. Is that what they want for their country? Needless to say that they want well, but the way they are going about it has been tested and confirmed as wrong.

The opposition will do well to remember that its only rallying point is the Shah himself and that should he bow out or be removed, it will be quickly engulfed in a dangerous power struggle in which the small leftist opposition will be seeking ways to circumvent the dominance of the religious leaders. The leftists realize that they stand no chance of ever coming to power against the religious leaders who enjoy the support of the overwhelming majority of the population.

The leftist opposition is already sowing the seeds of trouble in the whole area. It is complaining that "revolutionary" Iraq has not supported it and that after the Shah government will be the turn of other "reactionary" governments in the Gulf. The strange thing about this logic is that the leftist opposition is complaining that the neighboring Arabs have failed to interfere in the domestic affairs of Iran. The complaint is usually of other people interfering not splitting their bottoms sitting on the fence to avoid involvement. But the Iranian opposition continues to betray some of the infantile tendencies that did it in during the early fifties.

## SOLAR ENERGY

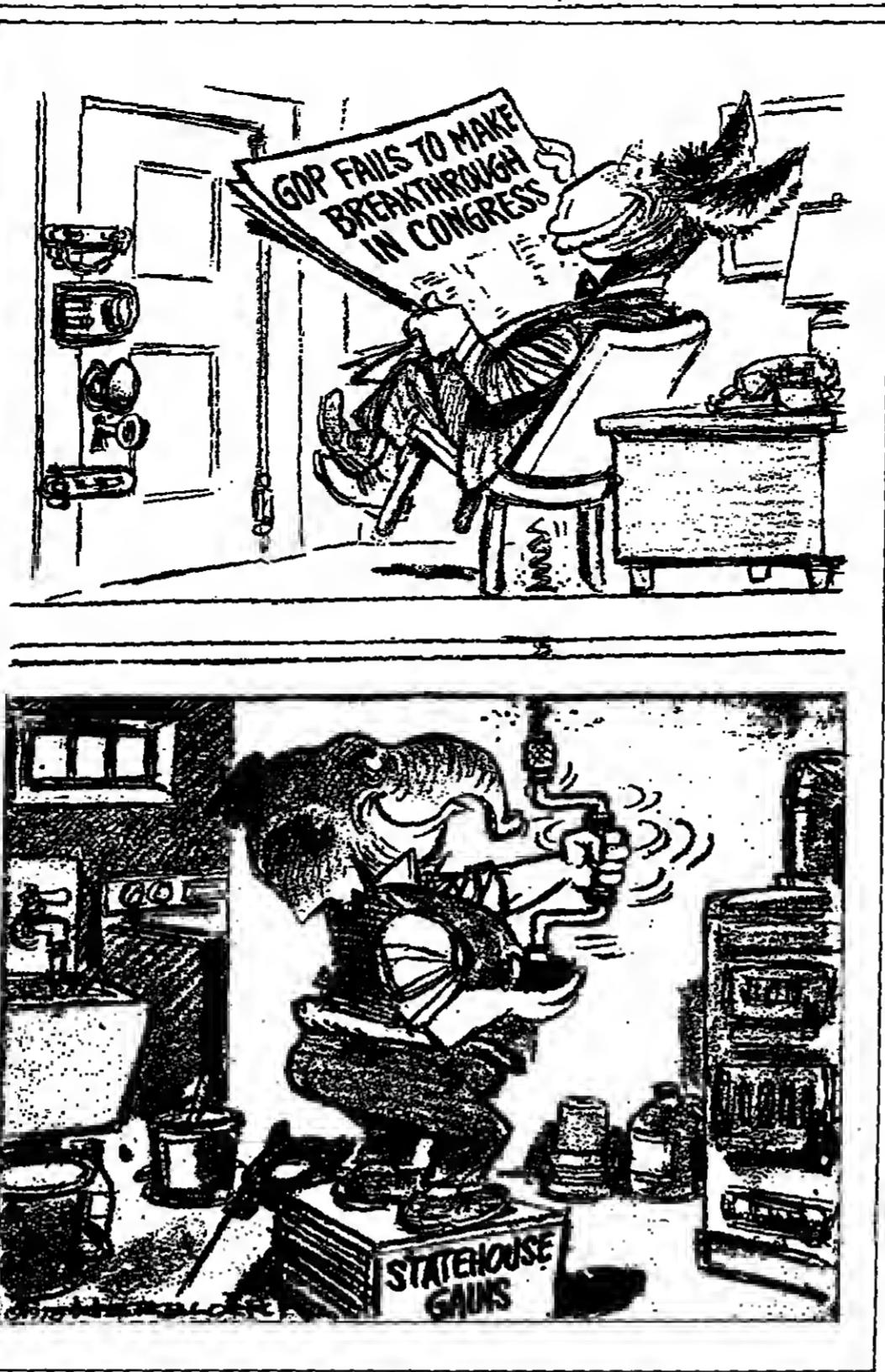
The Saudi Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani attends today the drilling of the first tunnel in the Mabd Al-Dahab gold mines to mark a serious attempt at prospecting for gold in the area. Mabd Al-Dahab, which literally means the cradle of gold, is an old mine that had once been abandoned because of dwindling production and rising costs.

The decision to resume prospecting is an indication of the country's determination to go ahead with its plan for diversification of income, now almost wholly dependent on oil production. New and more sophisticated machinery, and the phenomenal increase in the price of gold, have made it commercially viable to dig out the glittering metal once more. Other minerals are also being tapped in the same drive to diversify the country's wealth and its revenues. Oil money is being invested in the search for other minerals at the same time as it is being used to build an industrial base and provide the necessary infrastructure.

According to expert opinion, the country has no fewer than 28 different kinds of minerals which can be profitably exploited. It won't be long before production starts.

Even the sun is being harnessed to provide energy when the need for that arises. With a costly village run by solar energy alone about to be built here, the Kingdom thus enters a new era in the utilization of inexhaustible solar energy.

Despite the prolific oil reserves, conservatively estimated at 150 billion barrels, steps are already underway to be ready for the day when the oil runs out 50 years hence. Soon enough the country will be in a position to export solar energy when technology comes up with the means to do so.



## Plutonium breeder reactors

By Thomas O'Toole  
 OBNINSK, USSR —

In contrast to the United States, where President Jimmy Carter has moved to restrict the use of plutonium, the Soviet Union is developing it as a nuclear fuel to generate electricity.

The Soviets are in the midst of a construction program that in two years will find them generating 720,000 kilowatts of electricity from the two largest plutonium breeders in the world.

If no unforeseen difficulties are encountered in these two plants, the Soviets plan to start construction in 1983 of a third breeder that will more than double their breeder-produced electric capacity.

The United States does not operate a breeder electric plant and has no firm plans to build one. Carter ordered a halt to the proposed Clinch River, Tennessee, breeder reactor, which would have produced 500,000 kilowatts of power, to find an alternative nuclear process that does not breed plutonium.

Plutonium breeders produce their own source of fuel and do not rely on what many view as a diminishing supply of uranium. Critics of the process complain that the reactors also produce plutonium, which can be used to make nuclear weapons.

Carter opposes development of the breeder plants for that reason and has urged other nations to follow suit.

Indications here are that civilian nuclear energy technicians receive only small amounts of plutonium for experimental use from the Soviet military establishment. The overwhelming bulk of the Soviet plutonium is controlled by the military, Western experts think.

"We don't see any difficulties moving to plutonium,"

said Mikhail Troyanov, deputy director of the Institute of Physics and Power Engineering. The Institute, 120 kilometers southwest of Moscow, is where the Soviet nuclear power program was born 24 years ago.

"After 1990, breeders should be built in the Soviet Union in large numbers," Troyanov added.

Soviet nuclear leaders, while not criticizing Carter's Clinch River cancellation, question the wisdom of the move. The Soviets say they see no alternative to plutonium as a replacement for what they say is an inevitable dwindling of uranium supply.

There is a worldwide debate on how much uranium can be dug out of the earth's crust, in part because uranium is hard to find and in part because mining interests are only beginning to explore aggressively for it.

The Carter administration takes the optimistic view that there is as much as 4 million tons of extractable uranium in the United States. The National Academy of Sciences believes the United States can hope to mine only one third of that much.

The Soviet Union does not advertise the size of its uranium reserves, except to point out that they are no limitless. The Soviets already import raw uranium ore from East Germany, Poland and Czechoslovakia.

While clearly ahead of the rest of the world in engineering electric plants to burn plutonium, the Soviets have had their share of trouble getting there.

The Soviets placed their first breeder near Shevchenko on the eastern shore of the Caspian Sea, a desert where bit, natural gas, manganese and phosphates are produced.

The plant was built to produce electricity and also steam to desalinate seawater for industry in the surrounding desert.

In 1974, one year after the Shevchenko breeder went into operation, one of the six loops of tubes that carry liquid sodium metal to transport heat from the nuclear reactor to the steam generator swelled and broke.

The accident that followed mixed 125 gallons of water with one ton of sodium, more than enough to start a flash fire.

Parts of the Western press described the fire as an explosion, saying that U.S. spy satellites had witnessed the accident. The West had no details of what really happened until Soviet nuclear scientists began a year ago to tell their colleagues in the West what took place.

Sodium is a combustible metal that will ignite on contact with water in a violent enough way to release explosive hydrogen from water.

Soviet nuclear experts say the answers to the questions concerning plutonium lie in its control, not in a search for alternatives.

"We must rely on the non-proliferation treaty to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons," Igor Morozov, deputy chairman of the State Committee on Nuclear Energy, said in a recent article. "The answer is to enlarge the number of treaty adherents."

Morozov made other suggestions about plutonium: poison the fuel with a little tritium to reduce its radioactivity before using it so nobody can divert it to a bomb, burn up more of the starting fuel so the kinds of plutonium it breeds will not be the kind that is best for bombs. But don't turn your backs on plutonium, he said.

— (WP)

By Juliet Pearce  
 ANKARA —

Against a background of continuing internal difficulties, the government of Premier Bulent Ecevit is trying to regularize his country's military relationship with the United States.

The gradual reactivation of American bases following the lifting of the arms embargo is the first phase, limited by the Turkish government to one year. Some time between now and October, 1979, the Turks and Americans will have to destroy food supplies in the rear area war by attack at least five ELF-PLF camps.

ELF leaders admit the tactic but say they were provoked by an ELF-PLF camp.

The Sudan army is also reportedly to have stepped in to prevent an ELF unit from hitting ELF-PLF camps on the Sudan border and President Numeiri is now demanding that all three fronts hold a meeting in Khartoum to resolve the differences later this month.

During a month-long tour of the guerrilla positions, I found

## Turkey & NATO

activity at the Incirlik NATO installation have been lifted.

The "provisional agreement" is a strained document, stressing the fact that it is valid for one year only pending elaboration of a defense treaty unilaterally abrogated by Turkey after the Americans imposed their arms embargo in 1975.

The embargo was intended to punish Turkey for the use of American-supplied weapons during its intervention in Cyprus.

The so-called Greek lobby in the United States also hoped that it could be used as a lever to wrest Turkish concessions in Cyprus, where Turkey maintains an expeditionary force protecting the "Turkish Federated State of Cyprus" in the north of the island.

In signing the bill ending the embargo, President Carter said he was convinced that Turkey was acting in "good faith to achieve a just and peaceful settlement of the Cyprus problem."

However, not much has changed in divided Cyprus, where both sides continue to fire propaganda broadsides at each other with a notable lack of any sign of resuming the intercommunal dialogue.

The reactivation of the bases was crucial to NATO, which draws fully 30 percent of its electronic intelligence on the Soviet Union from the Turkish installations, often described as the most sophisticated of their kind in the world.

The provisional protocol stresses that "all information and intelligence produced by the installations shall be shared fully" by the two countries. The forthcoming negotiations are to include the question of

transfer of some unneeded bases to the Turkish armed forces.

Turkish officials don't like the fact that the elaboration of a long-term military pact will be long and painful. The pro-American alliance, the traditional guardian of what is known as "Turkish values," cannot easily forgive the United States such cavalier treatment of American ethnic politics.

But the Turkish armed forces do need American weapons and spare parts and for this time being things are looking up, at least in this domain.

Whether the sailing will be smooth as time goes by is another matter.

The reactivation of American bases comes at a time of growing speculation about the possibility of a military take-over in Turkey. This year more than 400 persons have been killed in political clashes in universities, cities and even distant villages. Ecevit's government has been somewhat powerless to deal with the violence.

In the past 18 years the army has twice stepped in to place a lid on feuding politicians and warring extremist factions and successive governments have shown their respect — or lack of it — for the soldiers. Despite the key's growing economic plight, the defense budget is not being reduced. It now stands at \$1.5 billion, or one fifth of the total. — (OFNS)

## saudi press review

"Al-Medina" condemned Begin's statements rejecting Egypt's proposal to set a timetable linking a peace treaty to progress on the Palestinian issue.

The paper said: "There is nothing more provocative to the Arabs and Muslims than Begin's repeated assertions that the Israelis will not withdraw from the occupied lands, including holy Jerusalem. But the Jews deceive themselves if they think that the Arabs and Muslims will accept the loss of their lands and holy places. If the present circumstances preclude an Arab and Muslim unity that is effective enough to save their lands, their determination to liberate them today is for ever being strengthened by Israeli statements affirming their expansionist plans."

"Omar" said the Ethiopian people have rejected Communism despite the efforts of the regime to impose it on them. The reason, the paper said, is that Communism is a deceptive mirage that uses false slogans of equality and liberty that are never applied. Communism should be resisted, for the sake of

a flourishing human civilization, by promoting some basic ingredients for survival and these include freedom of will and of expression as well as all other freedoms which belong to man instinctively.

Commenting on Begin's statements on Israel's plans to remain in the occupied lands and the U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim's suggestion for a Geneva conference, "Al-Riyad" said "nothing will solve the problem unless the Palestinians and their demands are taken into full consideration. Even if all the Arab states join the peace game — which is most unlikely — real peace in the Middle East shall remain elusive unless the Palestinians regain their legitimate rights."

"Al-Bilad" commented on Saudi-American cooperation and said this cooperation continues to grow because of mutual confidence and a sincere desire to develop reciprocal interests. "This is not only because the two countries need such cooperation but it is also in the nature of international relations and those between the developed and developing na-

tions. This country, guided by King Khalid, has been keen to maintain this cooperation with the United States that serves also serving Arab causes by providing political support through defining American attitudes toward the Arab-Israeli conflict. This should explain the optimism felt here, as expressed by the Finance Minister, regarding further Saudi-American cooperation, since the Kingdom is anxious to see its effects on its development plan. The two countries have already signed 20 agreements which enable the Saudis to expand their plans, mobilize their manpower and resources to build a state that is capable of holding on its achievements.

"Al-Bilad" said the state is justified in penalizing certain merchants who exploit public demand by overpricing their goods. There is a difference, it said, between free enterprise — which means fair competition — and cruel exploitation. The latter is unjustifiable and should be penalized.

## Persian sweetness

## Food of Iran

By Clare Kent

JEDDAH — Iranian food has certain similarities with Arab food, just as the Iranian language Farsi has certain similarities with Arabic. However, they are also two quite separate and different things.

"Hale shoma chetow?" asks the Iranian. Translated literally it means "The health of you how is it?" But an Arab asks, "Kief balak?" — "How (is) your health?" The word for health is the same; the meaning is the same; but the rest is totally different.

So it is with the food. In Iran you can find rice dishes with lamb looking very like the ones you can find in an Arab country. But it tastes different because of different spices, and the occasional sweet things mixed with the Persian rice.

Kebabs are as popular in Iran as anywhere in the Arab world, but they spice them with dried pomegranate seed and other different spices and often dip the pieces of meat in raw egg.

Of course, there are also dishes that are totally Iranian such as Fesenjan, a great favorite of mine. Many large walnut trees grow in the mountains of Iran, and this dish has a sauce made from the walnuts. It has an unusual, delicious taste worthy of the effort of making it for an impressive party dish.

And I must not forget to mention that wonderful Iranian caviar from the Caspian Sea — food for a rich man's table but worth the expense to try it once!

## ALBALU POLO

1 cup rice  
Salt  
Boiling water  
Knob of butter  
2 cups cherries (canned cherries can be used)  
1/2 cup sugar  
1 cup water

Soak the rice overnight in warm water. Drain and tip into a pan of boiling salted water. Cook for 15 minutes or until just tender, then drain and put in a dish.

Now place a knob of butter on the bottom of the pan, add about half a pint of water and boil. Pour half the liquid away, leaving a quarter of a pint of the oily mixture at the bottom of the pan. Add the rice to this and cook fast until steam rises; this should happen in a matter of seconds. Drain off the liquid through the rice. Decrease the heat to almost vanishing point, wrap the lid of the pan in a cloth to prevent steam escaping and cook gently for 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, boil the cherries and mix in the sugar. Cook the cherries until tender. Put half the polo into a serving dish, then half the cherries, then the rest of the polo and the rest of the cherries on the top. Pour the syrup from the cherries over it all. Serve with mint or chicken. Serves 2-4.

KHORESH (stew)  
Bodemjan (aubergine)  
1 large aubergine  
1 tbsp. butter or oil  
1 medium onion  
3 cloves garlic  
Pinches of: paprika  
cumin seed  
coriander  
fenugreek  
turmeric  
Tomato sauce



Skin the aubergine and place the vegetable whole in a dish. Rub with half a teaspoon of salt and leave for two hours. Now fry the aubergine in the fat until it is dark brown. Crush the onion and add it to the aubergine, in the fat until it is dark brown. Crush the onion and add it to the aubergine, fry for a minute or two. Then cover with water and boil fast for 15 minutes. The aubergine has by this time disintegrated, so add a couple of tablespoons of tomato sauce and such spices as you wish and cook slowly for 20 minutes.

Fesenjan  
1 lb. shelled walnuts  
2 onions  
Lg. knob of butter  
1/2 cup pomegranate juice  
1 tbsp. brown sugar  
Salt, pepper and spices

Mince the walnuts finely and fry with the chopped onions and the butter. When the oil starts to ooze from the nuts, add the pomegranate juice and the brown sugar. Simmer gently for two hours. Add spices to taste and serve poured over pieces of boned and skinned chicken.

SHIRINE PILO (sweet rice)  
2 lg. cups rice  
1 cup candied, or glazed orange peel, finely diced  
3/4 cup plump currants  
1/2 cup blanched slivered almonds (or pine kernels)  
1/2 cup cooking oil

Soak the rice overnight. Drain and place in a thick pan with three quarts of boiling water and cook until almost done. Drain the water off and put in the oil. Tilt the pan from side to side until the sides of the pan are coated with oil. Then divide the rice into three parts. Divide the peel, almonds and currants into three parts as well.

Spread one portion of rice at the bottom of the pan, then one portion of peel, almonds and currants. Follow with a second layer of rice, then more peel, almonds and currants. Finally add the third layer of each.

Cover with a cloth and a lid. Bake in a slow oven 200F for 3-4 hours.

Serve this dish with fried mint, or on its own, garnished with splintered angelica and crystallized cherries. Serves 4-6.



An Iranian rice and chicken dish

## Thanksgiving without turkey?

WASHINGTON — Some Americans may have to settle for cracklers rather than gobblers with their dressing and cranberry sauce this Thanksgiving (Thursday, Nov. 23). The Agriculture Department says there aren't enough turkeys to go around.

But cooks hunting for plentiful fixings for the annual feast shouldn't have any problem finding a broiler chicken. And for those really determined to make the most of what is in good supply, there is the option of stuffing the bird with onions and peanuts.

The USDA predicted recently that November shoppers will find a "light" turkey supply, a measure the Department translates as "less than adequate, not enough for normal needs."

Although officials weren't predicting figures for supply and demand, they said this is the first time in at least a decade the supply has been designated "light" this time of year.

USDA reported 77 million pounds of frozen turkeys held in cold-storage warehouses as of Sept. 30.

That's a lot of potential drumsticks, wings and breasts for American tables, but the total is down 12 per cent from a year ago 18 per cent from 1976.

"Even if it goes up slightly, that doesn't mean we'll have enough," said Stanley Prochaska, information director of the Department's agricultural marketing service.

Supermarkets may not actually run out of turkeys, he said. Instead, it's likely the low supply and traditional high demand will send prices rising, convincing shoppers to play down tradition on this Thanksgiving — a legal holiday in the United States. — (AP)

## Old medicines for new cures

By Stewart Sommerville  
MOGADISHU — Ali Maow Maafin seems mystified by all the fuss, the endless questions from journalists, the photographers and the TV cameramen asking him to pose for "shots."

"He can't work out if he's done something good or bad," said a World Health Organization official.

Ali, a 24-year-old hospital cook from the seaside town of Merka, 100 kilometers south of the Somali capital Mogadishu, has not actually done anything. The considerable publicity he's receiving arises from the fact that he's the last person anywhere in the world recorded as having had endemic smallpox.

Ali's case was recorded on October 26, 1977, and since then no other cases have been reported anywhere, despite an intensive surveillance program being carried out by WHO.

WHO officials are now confident that they have completely eradicated the disease which caused the deaths of millions over the entire known course of history.

Smallpox is among the diseases known to have afflicted the human race since recorded time. The British scientist Edward Jenner perfected a vaccination technique against smallpox 150 years ago and he wrote at the time, "It now becomes clear that it will be possible one day to completely eradicate the disease."

In part the revival is based on economics.

Thailand has long been a supplier of raw materials to industrialized countries, which take the herbal extracts, combine them with chemical substances and sell the finished product back to Thailand at high prices. — (AP)

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## New botanical gardens, desert park for Jeddah

By F.W. Rawding

JEDDAH — The Deputy Mayor of Jeddah, Dr. Hassan Hajrah, has recently been visiting some of the principal botanical gardens in the United Kingdom. He was especially interested in the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew and its collection of cacti and succulent plants suitable for propagation here. Dr. Hajrah is no stranger to the world of plants because he was formerly Head of the Department of Biology at King Abdul Aziz University and he still retains a teaching post there.

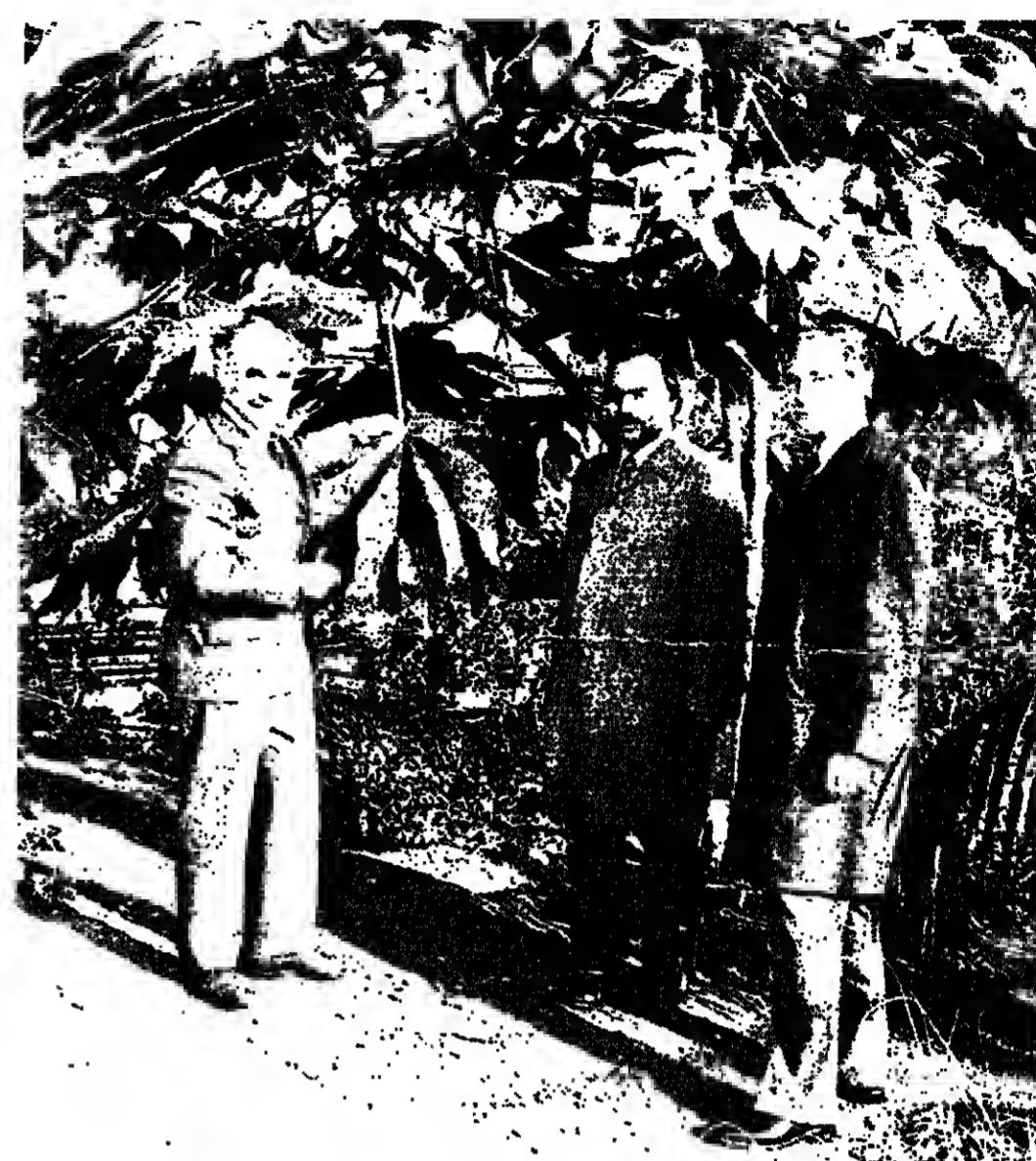
Kew Gardens has the finest collection of plants in the world. Its scientific identification and propagation of plants, over more than two centuries, has been of the greatest help not only to botanists but to lay enthusiasts who flock there in the summer from every continent. One of Kew's many important achievements was to begin the entire Malaysian rubber industry in the last century from six rubber plants propagated from seed found in South American jungles. Now Malaysia produces natural rubber for three out of every five car tires in the world. (Captain Bligh's ship, the "Bounty," was on a scientific expedition for Kew in the South Seas at the time of the famous Mutiny). Kew was a good place to go for advice about growing plants in Jeddah.

Two projects are to be developed by Jeddah municipality collaborating with King Abdul Aziz University and the Institute of Arid Land Studies. The first is a nursery which will be established in Jeddah early in 1979 to propagate plant stocks and to receive plant gifts made to the new botanical gardens which is to be in the Khuzam Palace.

The second project will be the laying down of a desert park at Kilo 12 on the Mecca Road.

Dr. Hajrah also visited the botanical gardens in Edinburgh, Dundee and Glasgow. At Glasgow, the connection of the garden with the university was particularly significant for the plans which are proposed for Jeddah. Both at Kew and Edinburgh, Dr. Hajrah discussed the collection and identification of plants from remote regions of Arabia.

Before Dr. Hajrah's talks in Britain, a visit to Jeddah was made in July by a team of United Kingdom experts. These included the former Director of Kew Gardens, the former curator of the Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh and a landscape architect with extensive experience of the problems of horticulture in the Middle East. The experts reported favorably



Dr. Hassan Hajrah and Brian Clouston at the Dundee Botanical Garden

on the prospects. Among their comments, they noted "Jeddah has a unique opportunity to establish a botanic garden which could become internationally important. The botanic garden should be closely associated with the University to supply plant material for teaching and research purposes. It could also serve as a local and beautiful public park for the people of Jeddah."

Once it is established, the garden will also be a training center for supervisors and gardeners. It will educate not only students but also the general public in the importance of plants in the ecology of Arabia and, no doubt, will encourage many citizens to become gardeners themselves. Eventually, the garden will contain examples of plants representing the vegetation of all the world. From the propagation of plants useful to man, the garden will assist in the evolution of agriculture in the Kingdom.

The Khuzam Palace will make an ideal exhibition and information center associated with the work of the garden. The visits of school parties will become a feature of local education.

Brian Clouston and Partners, landscape architects, have been

appointed to provide design and management services both for the Jeddah Botanical Garden and the Desert Park.

For the fortunate citizens of Jeddah, these will provide other recreational facilities and will

offer a change from the usual "day at the beach."

Dr. Hajrah is now working on the master plan for this interesting and valuable scheme.

## On writing good

WASHINGTON — Ernest L. Boyer, the U.S. Commissioner of Education, is teaching again for the first time in 20 years. His mission: to give some of his employees a crash course in effective writing.

"I'm delighted to see you and admire you for your bravery," the 50-year-old commissioner told his 27 students last week.

Talking for 90 minutes on the poor quality of writing in the U.S. government, he told the class at one point that language "should convey meaning, not obscure it."

Boyer, a speech pathologist, has been a college administrator most of his career.

He asked his students to hunt for specimens of poor writing in their own offices and bring them to the second and final 90-minute session this Thursday.

Boyer, who will instruct three more groups during the next two months, read the class some cluttered tidbits from letters he has been asked to sign.

They included this memo: "This workshop is part of an RFP issued by IOC aimed at helping SEAS better serve LEAS with reference to the LEA-prime sponsor agreements called for under the YETP portion of YEDPA."

Boyer lamented, "A foreign language builds up in the bureaucracy."

Another memo referred to "the raw material we are inputting." In that instance the "raw material" meant students.

"I don't know if students are still raw if you boil them," quipped Boyer, former chancellor of the State University of New York. "Gobbledygook," he said, "reinforces citizens' opinions that government is faceless, nameless and without feelings."

"This leads to an erosion of credibility, and that's why people don't vote," said Boyer.

Bureaucratic writing seldom reveals the emotions of the author and tends to be legalistic and wordy, he noted. — (AP)

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# Woes of wealth hit Venezuelans

## Maids Color TV

CARACAS — The competition for maids here has reached the point where prospective employers — rather than the servants — often must provide references.

"The roles have been completely reversed. She laid down the conditions. I accepted them," said Rosa de Martinez, a lawyer.

"The tyranny of maids," was the way one newspaper described it.

In a country where money abounds but maids are few, housewives and career women plot, maneuver and beg in a frantic search for servants.

In a letter to a newspaper, one woman urged the government to set a limit on maids' wages. Otherwise, she said, thousands of women like herself would no longer be able to afford domestic help.

"The maids are sitting in the driver's seat, and they know it," said an official of the government job-placement office.

A maid earns from \$175 to \$250 a month. That is more than the annual income of some families in other Latin American countries. It's also more than receptionists or store clerks earn in Venezuela.

**Fringe benefits**

Maids demand, and get, free weekends, television sets for their rooms if they live in, carfare to and from work if they live at home and other fringe benefits.

Occasionally, they require that the families provide references from previous maids. Some maids will perform only certain duties, such as cooking and cleaning, requiring a housewife to either hire another woman to help or do the remaining work herself.

"Sometimes my maid doesn't show up for three days, but I accept whatever excuse she gives," said Yamile Eligoni, whose business career leaves little time for housekeeping. "Before, if a maid kept breaking things or did not know how to answer the phone, I would let her go. Now, I keep quiet."

Few Venezuelan women will accept work as maids, according to the government employment office. Most household servants come from neighboring Colombia, or from Ecuador, the Dominican Republic and Trinidad.

The majority of foreign maids enter the country illegally and expect their employers to aid them in obtaining residency visas, say the authorities. —(AP)

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By Monte Hayes

CARACAS — The government of this oil-wealthy nation is losing its battle to stop Venezuelans from "wasting" their money on color television sets.

It's a monumental struggle pitting a government stubbornly opposed to wasteful consumer spending against a population with money to burn. And the people are clearly winning.

"I know one man who has six color television sets in his home. That is enough to justify a revolution," said a woman reporter, in a tone more of envy than disgust.

Imports of color models are hampered by the government of President Carlos Andres Perez. To discourage smuggling, the government has modified TV transmissions to filter the color at the last stage.

What good is a color TV if it can't receive color, right?

Wrong. The government did not take into account that it was dealing with a determined people. "Anti-filter" filters to restore the color are selling briskly in Caracas at \$150 each, and the government recently estimated there may be as many as 500,000 color sets in the country.

**Clandestine**

Many are brought in clandestinely by Venezuelan tourists returning from the United States. If detected, the sets are confiscated. Other sets are slipped into the country by merchants who sell them on the black market. The retailers face heavy fines if caught.

Despite admitting the existence of half a million illegal models, the government has not given up the fight. It has assigned the Consumer Protection Agency to look into the sale of the so-called "anti-filters" to determine if they also should be prohibited. Ads for the devices appear frequently in the newspapers.

The Perez government is convinced that if given the opportunity, Venezuelans would trade in their black-and-white sets and buy color televisions, regardless of the price. Officials fear that the importation of color sets would drain a huge chunk of foreign reserves.

Local manufacturers of black-and-white sets have also expressed fear of a mad rush by Venezuelans to buy color models if the ban is dropped. They say that they would need at least a year to prepare for color production and that in the meantime their black-and-white sales would plummet as Venezuelans stampeded to buy color sets.

Until Perez leaves office in March of next year, there is little likelihood of the ban lifted.

**Perez on "junk"**

During a recent press conference, when he was once again quizzed on whether he would permit sale of color TV models, Perez said:

"Venezuelans, who today have great purchasing power, are already inclined to buy any junk that is advertised on television. Propaganda in color would only encourage their corrupting consumer habits and contribute to waste and inflation."

But it is just a matter of time before color television arrives in force in Venezuela, Perez noted, referring to promises by the presidential candidates of the two major parties to permit sale of color models if elected. —(AP)

## Exit crocodiles

BANGKOK. — Only three decades ago tens of thousands of crocodiles slithered through Thailand's rivers, swamps and canals, but the reptile's sought-after skin and meat has brought it near to extinction in most of Asia.

Today, crocodiles are to be found caged up in farms for the benefit of tourists and the fashion industry with wild populations in Thailand as well as India, Burma, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Malaysia, Indonesia and elsewhere having shrunk to virtual extinction. —(AP)



## Mona lapse

DUISBURG, West Germany

— The German painter Uwe Pieper found an original way of bringing the most famous woman in art history down into the lower reaches of everyday life. This rather curious painting is part of an exhibition called "Mona Lisa in the 20th Century" (until December 3 at the Wilhelm Lehmbrock Museum in Duisburg) which shows that many other artists have dealt with the woman Leonardo da Vinci painted with the mysterious smile in 1504 in various ways including disrespect, wit, reflectiveness and the macabre.

The pretty and portly Florentine is shown knitting (painted by Tadashi Hirano), as a woman with a cat's head (Horst B. Baerenz) and as film star Jean-Paul Belmondo's girlfriend (Eric Scott). An even greater share of the items shown in this first Mona Lisa retrospective, intended to return to this Louvre painting its "self-evident value beyond myth and consumerism" (museum director Dr. Siegfried Salzmann), is made up of trivia. —(INP)

## Bilingual, stereo TV

By David Holley and Sam Jameson

TOKYO — Japan is pioneering an audio multiplex television broadcasting system that will bring music in stereo, heighten the realism of sports events and allow the viewer to choose between English or Japanese sound tracks while watching foreign movies and newscasts.

Manufacturers and broadcasters hope the breakthrough — the first such advance in television anywhere — will open a vast new domestic market for the Japanese electronics industry.

The nation's major networks — six television stations in Tokyo, two stations in Osaka and one station in Nagoya — will offer one or two hours a day of audio multiplex broadcasts at the start.

Ten other television companies throughout the country will begin such broadcasts in coming months. Problems with the microwave relay system, however, initially will delay transmission of audio multiplex broadcasting to remote areas of Japan.

By the end of the first full fiscal year under the new system — by March 31, 1980 — the Electronic Industries Association of Japan expects audio multiplex receiving equipment sales to add \$140 million a year to electronics manufacturers' revenues. The Association expects the equipment to develop a new \$1 billion a year market in Japan alone within three years.

**An established fact**

Kimimiko Nakamura, director of the committee for multiplex broadcasting of Nippon Television (NTV), said that audio multiplex broadcasting will be an established fact throughout Japan within a year.

In the early stages, audio multiplex technology in Japan will only be used to broadcast musical shows and sports events in stereo sound, and to offer foreign movies, foreign television dramas and domestically produced news for viewing with monophonic sound but allowing the viewer to listen in Japanese or in a foreign language.

NTV's first movie broadcast in both Japanese and English will be the James Bond film, "Dr. No."

Regular television series also will be broadcast bilingual. Among them are "Police Story," "Charlie's Angels" and "The F.B.I."

An exhibition baseball game between the Cincinnati

Reds and the Yomiuri Giants was broadcast on NTV in both Japanese and English last month during a tour of Japan by the American team.

**Bilingual News**

NTV will broadcast news bilingually, in both Japanese and English once each day. NHK, the semi-governmental broadcasting network, plans to broadcast news in both languages twice a day.

Kazuo Gomi, a senior adviser to the president of NTV, predicted that many Japanese viewers would want to listen to original English versions of American movies and television shows. Some viewers will be interested in improving their English language comprehension, while others will want to hear the original voices of the stars, he said.

With its homogeneous population, Japan has little linguistic need for bilingual broadcasting, Gomi said. But he said that countries or cities with bilingual populations, the dual language capability of audio multiplex broadcasting may prove even more useful than in Japan.

In the future, if ownership of multiplex television equipment become standard, sound itself could become a new technique of entertainment television. NTV already has produced one demonstration tape to illustrate the possibilities.

The tape showed a housewife running from her front door to buy beancurd at the sound of a horn blown in the distance by a mobile beancurd peddler. The beancurd salesman was not shown on the screen. Only the sound of his traditional horn could be heard off to one side.

As the woman started off in that direction, the horn sounded from the opposite side, and she came running back. But the sound of the horn came once again from the original side. After several futile attempts to catch the beancurd seller, the housewife paused. As the horn blew on one side, she raced off in the opposite direction.

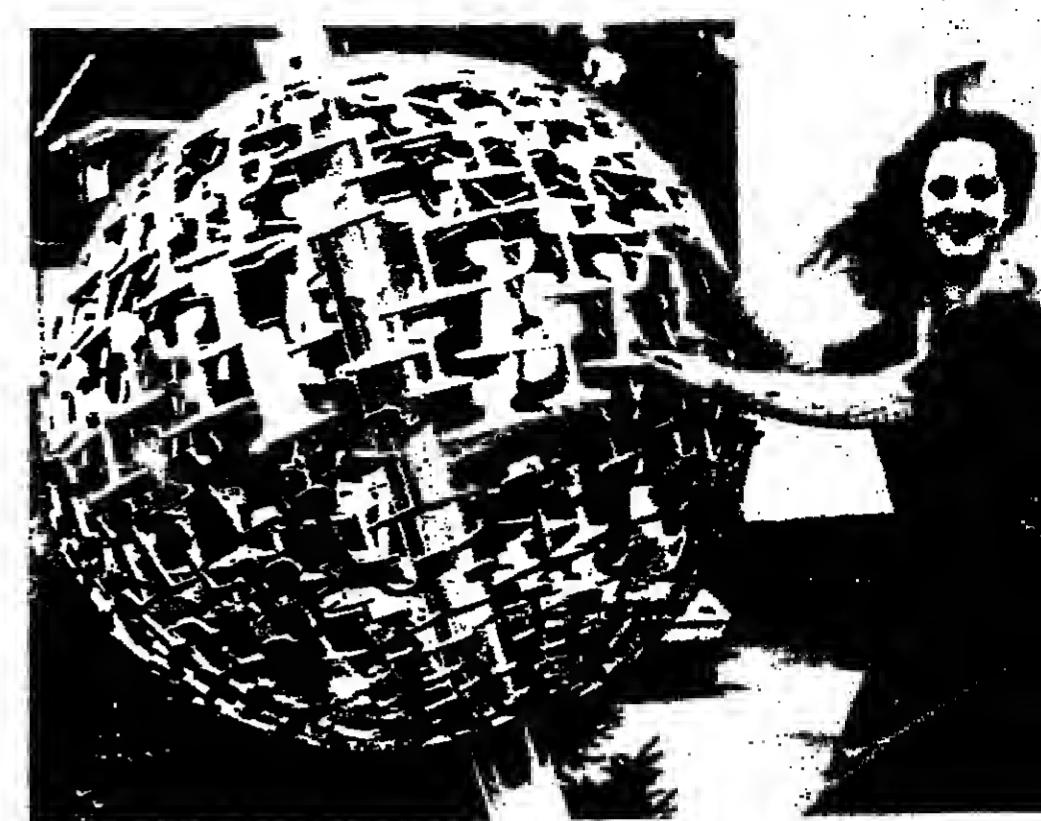
The sound of a tremendous crash followed.

Soon the housewife reappeared on the screen, somewhat disheveled, but triumphantly carrying a bowl of beancurd.

**Potential**

The potential application of such techniques in both comedies and serious dramas is endless, Nakamura said.

"It would be wrong to think that such programs will actually go on the air right



## A globe made of blue steel rail

MINDEN, West Germany — A globe made of pieces of rail has decorated the front lawn of the Federal Railway Central Office in Minden for several weeks now. The steel sculpture is a gift from the Friedrich Krupp steel mills to the German Federal Railway and is intended to symbolize the close co-operation between the two enterprises.

For the foreseeable future, sports events broadcast with audio multiplex technology will be in stereo only, giving a more true-to-life sense of the atmosphere of the sports stadium. But if fans for opposing teams are seated in different sections of a stadium, one sound track could be used to carry the stadium sounds of the fans of one team, and the second track to carry the sounds of the fans of the opposing team — allowing viewers at home to choose which side they want to "sit" on.

Preparation of audio multiplex broadcasts of music shows has proven to be less expensive than expected, Nakamura said, while producing news in two languages is more expensive than expected.

"We cannot tell exactly what the increase in production costs will be," Nakamura said.

For an initial period involving production of two hours of audio multiplex programming a day, he said, NTV has budgeted \$50,000 to \$100,000 per month as additional expenses.

**Bill the sponsors**

"We are going to send the bill to the sponsors," Nakamura said. Many of those sponsors may be the makers of audio multiplex receiving equipment.

Matsushita Electric, which makes about 30 percent of the television sets sold in Japan, is beginning to shift its sponsorship of programs to audio multiplex shows.

The first problem, however, will be to persuade television viewers to purchase the equipment necessary to receive audio multiplex broadcasts. At the moment, virtually no such equipment exists in viewers' homes.

Television sets with built-in audio multiplex equipment went on sale for the first time this month. Matsushita sells 19-inch color audio multiplex sets for \$1,150 and 17-inch sets for \$1,070. In each case, the price is about \$235 more than the equivalent regular color sets.

Matsushita has set production at 15,000 per month for the larger sets and 10,000 per month for the 17-inch sets, representing about 25 percent of the company's total production for the domestic market.

No audio multiplex equipment manufactured by Matsushita or any other television maker will be exported. —(LAT)

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SUNSET TRAGEDY: This photograph by W. Eugene Smith was part of the artist's essay on industrial pollution and fish poisonings in 1971 at the Japanese fishing village of Misamata.

Against Czechoslovakia

## First black set to win England soccer cap

LONDON, Nov. 21 (R) — Viv Anderson is almost certain to create soccer history at Wembley here on Nov. 29 by becoming the first black player to wear a full England shirt.

The talented full back, who plays for English league champion Nottingham Forest, was Tuesday named in manager Ron Greenwood's squad of 18 from which the team will be chosen for the friendly international against Czechoslovakia.

Anderson was born in Nottingham 22 years ago—two years after his parents left Kingston, Jamaica—and joined Forest's ground staff six years ago.

**Spider**

"Spider," as Anderson is known to Forest fans, has won admirers for both his defensive skills and exciting attacking flair. He played for England against Italy as an under 21 last year and went on the England B team tour to the Far East earlier this year.

Greenwood said: "Anderson made a great impression on the B team tour and I think his inclusion against the Czechs was more or less expected. He is set to create a little bit of history and I am sure he can carry it off."



COME OF AGE: West Ham Captain Billy Bonds looks on helplessly as Luther Blissett's flying header makes its mark for Watford earlier this year.

Robert Low adds: So swift has been the progress of black players in the English League that Anderson will almost certainly be joined by at least two more in the England side within a year.

Anderson deserves his chance. He has proved his ability by his displays for

Forest, which has now gone an astonishing 40 League matches without defeat and is now bidding to lift this season's European Cup. Although Anderson is a defender, he joins his attack whenever possible and has scored four goals this season, from long-range shots struck with awe-

some power and accuracy from outside the penalty area.

The rise of black players was inevitable. Today's soccer stars are the children of the first generation of West Indian immigrants to Britain after World War II and they have shown the same natural

ability at soccer that has long been evident in multi-racial societies like Brazil, Peru and Portugal.

**Abuse**

They have tough obstacles to overcome. For years many clubs seemed reluctant to give them their chance and those that did appear in top-class football were subjected to crude racial abuse from the fans and still are at many grounds.

The abuse has at least made clubs act. One London club chairman has threatened insulting supporters with a life ban if they are caught. And the form of the young blacks is winning the fans over.

One, Cyrille Regis, of West Bromwich Albion, is one of the football League's leading goalscorers and seems certain to play for England before long. He is widely regarded as the most effective center forward in England.

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DOCKSIDE: Referee Robert Desgaines moves in as England's Alan Minter, European Middleweight champion, pummels challenger Gratien Tonna at Wembley last week. Almost on the bell of the sixth Tonna, from the Marseilles docks, raised both hands in surrender to give Minter revenge for his cuts defeat last year.

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## Braves' Horner voted Rookie of Year

ATLANTA, Georgia, Nov. 21 (AP) — Bob Horner, slugging third baseman of the Atlanta Braves was named Monday the National League Rookie of the Year by the Baseball Writers Association of America.

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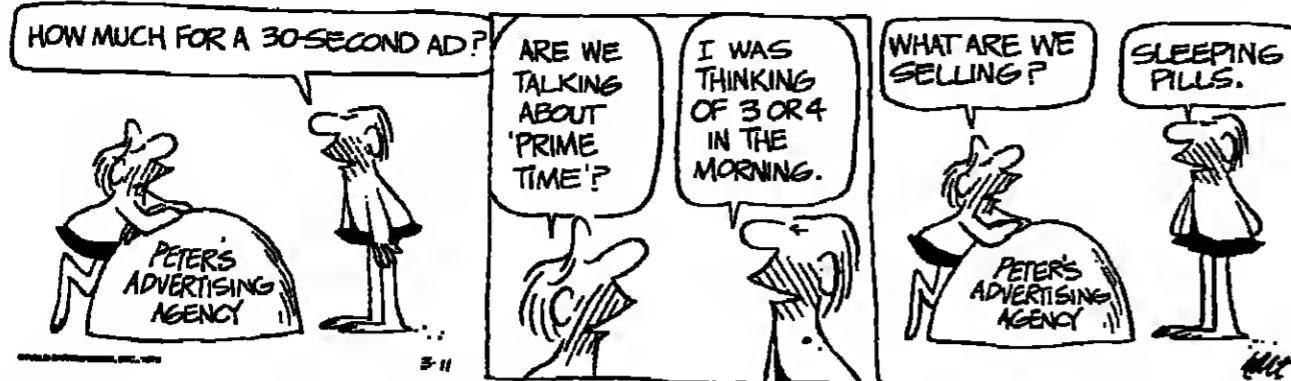
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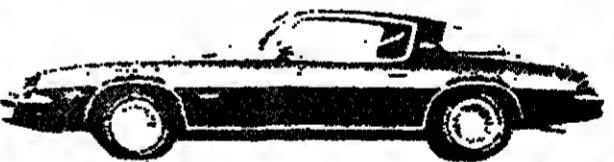
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*Eyewitness tells of ritual poisoning*

## U.S. troops in Guyana after mass suicide

GEORGETOWN, Nov. 21 (AP)—U.S. troops flew in Tuesday to begin a macabre shuttle of corpses of 409 American cultists who were shot or drank a lethal brew of Kool-Aid and cyanide in their fanatic loyalty. But the state of the bodies may force the soldiers to bury them on the spot in the jungle commune where they died.

Guyanese soldiers and police searched the surrounding wilderness for hundreds of other members of the sect, the People's Temple, who fled from the Jonestown agricultural settlement after the mass suicide.

Jones called the members of the colony to the assembly hall by loudspeaker, telling them: "The time has come for us to meet in another place." Then armed guards surrounded them.

The settlement doctor, Lawrence Schachet, 30, of Hous-

ton, and two nurses brought in a large stainless-steel vat which they filled with the poisoned Kool-Aid. They began ladling it out, spooning it or squirting it into the mouths of babies and filling paper cups which the adults brought up.

One woman who balked was shouted down by others. She drank her dose.

After the people drank,

### Of obstructing justice

## House unit finds Indira guilty

NEW DELHI, Nov. 21 (R) — Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Tuesday faced possible imprisonment or expulsion from parliament after it held her guilty of blocking an official inquiry into a car company controlled by her youngest son Sanjay.

Mrs. Gandhi, 61, who won back a seat in parliament at a south Indian by-election this month and was formally sworn in Monday, was not in the house when the committee report was presented.

Speaker K.S. Hegde announced he would accept motions suggesting what action should be taken on the report.

But political observers here

### Danes approve Sikh turbans for motorcycle riding

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 21 (AP) — After lengthy deliberations the Danish ministry of justice has ruled that Sikhs may ride a motorcycle wearing a turban instead of the statutory crash helmet.

The decision answered a plea from members of Denmark's small community of Sikhs.

A ministry spokesman said the seriousness of the religious problem involved for a Sikh were found to outweigh other considerations. Thorough experiments also proved that no existing size of crash helmet was large enough to be worn on top of the regulation turban.

Four opposition members of

they went into convulsions. Their eyes rolled up. They had difficulty breathing, and they died after about five minutes.

The body of the 46-year-old cult leader was found on the stage of the meeting hall, near the chair from which he preached. There was a bullet wound in his head.

The hall was packed with bodies, and more were piled up outside.

After the people drank,

The bodies were apparently lying where they fell and had not been touched.

Guyanese police arrested two of the survivors who came out of the jungle, but no charges were filed against them. Presumably the police believed they implicated in the killing of Ryan and his companions.

One reporter who visited the scene said it "looked like

a garbage dump where somebody dumped a lot of rag dolls."

Jones and several others had been shot, presumably by themselves, the others had drunk the poison.

Also found at the camp was \$50,000 in cash and some jewelry. Unconfirmed reports also said \$500,000 in gold and hundreds of social security checks had also been found.

Fifteen survivors were reported, three in the camp and 12 who came out of the jungle. Estimates of the missing ranged from more than 375 to more than 775. An exact figure was not possible because reports of the total population ranged from 800 to 1,200. Most were from California, the headquarters of the sect.



MASS SUICIDE: Some of the bodies found by Guyana authorities after apparently dying of cyanide poisoning. A total of 409 have been found so far.

## From page one

### PLO

the principal gateway to the occupied land.

The PLO official said the armed struggle continues and the Palestinians "have a great deal in store" for the Israelis.

"But the armed struggle is linked to political developments which affect the Palestinian issue."

"Very soon we will witness an escalation of both the military and political struggle," he added.

The summit considered the Palestinian issue the core of the conflict, and a matter of destiny, he said. The struggle to regain Palestinian rights is therefore, a national responsibility. This was also confirmed by previous Arab summits held in Algeria and Rabat which declared that the Arab states were committed to the liberation of all occupied Arab lands including Jerusalem, and full restitution of Palestinian rights.

Asked if there is any possible contradiction between the Baghdad summit and the Front for Confrontation and Steadfastness, Abu Maizer said:

"There cannot be any contradiction."

The summit represented a wide Arab base of solidarity with a certain minimal program. This program seeks to reject the Camp David accords and their results, uphold Arab solidarity and support the confrontation states particularly Syria, Jordan and the PLO — financially and materially.

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The report should be ready in three months time when the Arab finance ministers will hold a meeting for the purpose.

Asked to comment on reports that the Lebanese situation might blow up once again, Abu Maizer said: "This is not going to be in Lebanon's interest. But if it does, we will realize that it is an Israeli design and it will be the duty of the ADF, the Palestinians, and the Arab nation to combat it."

Abu Maizer upheld the recent Iraqi-Syrian detente and said it was "an important achievement to strike a strategic balance with the Zionist enemy following the deterioration which took place as a result of Egyptian action."

He said he was confident that the Iraqi-Syrian rapprochement would help regain the Palestinian rights particularly repatriation, self-determination and the creation of an independent Palestinian state on Palestinian soil.

out of what were termed internal resolutions.

These included a decision to oppose any timetable for instituting administrative autonomy, and a resolution that any decision on withdrawal from Sinai which might come up in negotiations would be subject to cabinet approval.

The radio said this meant the negotiating team could not decide on evacuation dates with-

### 40 Syrians

Highlight of the visit, Nov. 27-29, will be a meeting on the morning of the 28th with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, presidential spokesman Pierre Hunt announced.

Giscard d'Estaing has repeatedly suggested French military intervention to help end the fighting in Lebanon but this has so far been turned down.

Sarkis will also meet with French Premier Raymond Barre while Foreign Minister Fouad Bontros will meet his French counterpart, Louis de Guiraud.

In a speech to the nation, President Sarkis called on the Lebanese to rally behind him in a "fresh and determined" effort to pull Lebanon out of the civil war destruction.

He said all Arab leaders, especially Syrian President Hafez Assad, have pledged to help establish security and stability in the country.

"But unless we close our own ranks and unify our will, no form of external assistance will be useful," the president warned in a radio and television address to the nation.

Sarkis' speech marked the 35th anniversary of Lebanon's independence from France.

### Otaiba

He said OPEC was not responsible for global inflation but, rather, a victim of it.

Sheikh Ali, on a state visit to Ecuador, declared: "All we want to do is to offset in part the losses incurred by OPEC members over the past two years."

There was no immediate indication as to the outcome of Blumenthal's talks in Tehran, his previous stop before Kuwait.

Blumenthal had talks Tuesday on world oil prices with the Shah and his military Prime Minister, Gen. Gholamreza Azhari. He also met Finance Minister Hassan Ali Mehran Monday night.

Iran sided with Saudi Arabia in efforts to keep prices down in the past, but its future approach will inevitably be deeply affected by the loss of revenue as a result of the recent strike of oil workers and the estimated loss of \$700 million in revenue.

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